1988-89 (April to September)

year	Demand	Allotment	Offtake
Rice	30 .0	492.*	461.0
Wheat . . .	78 .0	48 .0	441.9

*Includes 2000 tonnes allotted for flood relief purposes.

Modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant

1124. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally cleared the modernisation and expansion plan of Durgapur Steel Plant, West Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof;

(c) what was the original cost estimate and what is the estimated cost now;

(d) the manner in which the proejct will be financed; and

(e) by when the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Government had accorded approval to the proposed renovation and technological upgradation of Durgapur Steel Plant in September, 1987. Under that proposal, after the modernisation, production of 1.885 million tonnes of hot metal and 1.66 million tonnes of crude steel was envisaged. SAIL have now submitted revised proposals based on Definitive Cost Estimates. This proposal is under scrutiny. The revised proposal envisages production of 2.088 million tonnes of hot metal and 1.876 million tonnes of crude steel per annum. The proposed modernisation scheme also envisages phasing out of open hearth steel making process with continuous casting facilities. It also envisages improvement of techno-economic indices ike increase in the blast furnace productivity, reduction in the coke consumption rate and reduction in energy consumption and increasing the capacity utilisation.

(c) The sanctioned estimates for the modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant are Rs. 1375 crores based on Third Quarter 1986 prices. The final estimates will be known only after the tendered bids have been evaluated.

(d) The project is proposed to be financed through Steel Authority of India Limited's internal resources, foreign aid and credits, and loans from Steel Development Fund and borrowings from domestic market.

(e) The preliminary and enabling works for the modernisation have already started.

चावल और खाद्यान्नों का आयात

1125. **श्री विश्वासराव रामाराव पाटिल :**
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श्री जगदीश जानी :
श्री शिव प्रसाद मिश्र :
श्री ईश दत्त यादव :

क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 11 अक्तूबर, 1988 के दिल्ली से प्रकाशित हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स में "अधिक चावल, गेहूं का आयात किया जायेगा" शीर्षक से छपे समाचार की ओर सरकार का ध्यान आकृष्ट किया गया है ;